

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 22 July 1997
 Name of applicant/court: Comptroller of Customs
 Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
 Title of Publication: Macho Dancer
 Other Known Titles: Not Stated
 Director: Lino Brocka
 Producer: Not Stated
 Publisher: Not Applicable
 Author: Not Applicable
 Format: Video Recording NTSC
 Country of Origin: Philippines
 Language: Filipino with English subtitles

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Macho Dancer	Running time:	134.43
Trailers:	Copyright Notice	Running time:	0.19
	Award Films Notice		0.10
	Yo Kan-Ping's Outcasts		5.57
	Insider Video Club Notice		1.21
Total Running time:			142.30

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display conditions:

Nil.

Descriptive Note:

Contains violence and sex scenes.

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Direction to issue a label has not been given.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The video recording entitled *Macho Dancer* is classified as:
Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

The main components of the video recording are the main feature, *Macho Dancer*, and a trailer, *Yo Kan-Ping's Outcasts*. Both the feature and the trailer are of the same ilk. These present characters variously trapped in a vicious cycle of prostitution. The main theme of sex work and the challenging issues of coercion which surround this as it is presented, as well as the extensive nudity shown in a protracted manner in this context are given significant weighting under the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act).

In addition, there are a few violent encounters presented which involve fairly hard hitting, yet mainly inexplicit, depictions of the infliction of serious physical harm.

Due to the sexual and violent content of the video recording it is classified as a restricted publication. This restriction is considered to be a reasonable limitation prescribed by law to avoid the injury likely to be caused by the availability of the video recording. Therefore the classification under the FVPC Act overrides the rights and freedoms outlined under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

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